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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

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Sir:

The present paper is responsive to the Request for Information under 37 CFR 1.105, mailed October 26, 2006 in the above-identified application, and is being filed during the Shortened Statutory Period set for response, which is due to expire on December 26, 2006. Accordingly, no fees are believed due in connection with this filing, but if any such fees are due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

The various Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) that Applicants have filed in this application were filed to disclose references that have been cited in one or more other patent applications that describe subject matter that is similar to that disclosed in this application. Given the volume of references, Applicants have not been able to compare these references with the currently-pending claims in this application to determine the potential relevancy or materiality of any individual reference, and Applicants cannot readily obtain the specific analysis and stipulations requested. Applicants submitted these references in view of the MPEP's preference for submitting information. See MPEP 2004 ("10. When in doubt, it is desirable and safest to submit information. Even though the attorney, agent, or applicant doesn't consider it

necessarily material, someone else may see it differently and embarrassing questions can be avoided.”).

Applicants enclose a copy of an International Preliminary Examination Report, which applied Klein et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,499,364, cited in IDS of November 30, 2005) against the claims of the international application PCT/US03/15717, which relates to the present application.

Additionally, the International Search Report (ISR) that preceded the IPER noted above is also enclosed. The ISR cited the Klein et al. reference as particularly relevant, and the following (all of which are cited in the IDS of 11/30/2005) as being generally relevant:

- Sandelman (U.S. Patent No. 6,147,601)
- Poliquin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,696,486)
- Cote et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,021,262)

Applicants also note that the following co-pending patent applications describe features that are related to one another, and may be of interest to the Examiner:

- 11/106,724
- 11/106,723
- 11/106,714
- 11/111,989
- 10/403,174
- 10/420,040
- 10/395,533
- 10/395,560
- 10/402,075
- 10/440,035
- 10/693,666
- 10/831,145
- 10/830,224
- 10/403,341
- 10/403,175
- 10/440,431
- 10/691,841

- 10/887,085
- 10/729,841
- 10/831,487
- 11/111,972
- 11/108,743
- 11/111,990
- 11/111,968
- 11/111,984
- 11/111,962
- 11/112,010
- 11/110,770
- 11/112,330
- 11/186,827
- 11/192,101
- 11/186,825
- 11/111,967
- 11/111,978
- 11/111,973
- 11/213,840
- 11/213,841
- 11/179,776
- 11/179,804
- 11/379,732

If the examiner desires additional information regarding the above, the examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant's or agent's file reference

MSFTF-121107

TRANS OUT

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.

PCT/US03/15717

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26 March 2003 (26.03.2003)

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MICROSOFT CORPORATION

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference MSFTF-121107	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US03/15717	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 May 2003 (15.05.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 26 March 2003 (26.03.2003)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G06F 9/46 and US Cl.: 719/318; 718/108		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
 This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of — sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/15717

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed. the description:

pages 1-18 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____. the claims:

pages 19-26, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____. the drawings:

pages 1-10, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____. the sequence listing part of the description:pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages none the claims, Nos. none the drawings, sheets/fig none5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N) Claims 2-22, 24-36, 38-46, 48-56, 58-62, 64-67 YES
Claims 1, 23, 37, 47, 57, 63 NO

Inventive Step (IS) Claims 2-22, 24-36, 48-56, 58-62, 64-67 YES
Claims 1, 23, 37, 47, 57, 63 NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

2. CITATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS
Claims 1, 23, 37, 47, 57 and 63 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Klein et al (US Patent 5,499,364 A) in that Klein teaches declaring a first condition/context that can be in at least a first or second / true or false state (TrueCondition, FalseCondition), providing a first delivery instruction (send event notification), receiving notification from a plurality of sources (external events on which the local events are dependent) and controlling the delivery of the notification in accordance with the first delivery instruction when the first condition is determined to be in its first state (set of state transition dependencies), and determining what should be done with the notification (inspect information in local knowledge database to determine whether to send notification). See col. 3, line 18 - col. 4, line 8; col. 7, line 50 - col. 9, line 7.

Claims 1-67 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus having industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US03/15717

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) :G06F 9/46

US CL :709/318

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 709/318, 108

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,499,364 A (KLEIN et al) 12 March 1996, col. 4, line 36 - col. 19, line 35.	1, 23, 37, 47, 57, 63
A	US 6,147,601 A (SANDELMAN et al) 14 November 2000, col. 3, line 40 - col. 8, line 49.	1-22, 24-36, 38-46, 48-56, 58-62, 64-67
A	US 5,696,486 A (POLIQUIN et al) 09 December 1997, col. 5, line 32 - col. 16, line 27.	1-22, 24-36, 38-46, 48-56, 58-62, 64-67
A	US 6,021,262 A (COTE et al) 01 February 2000, col. 3, line 66 - col. 9, line 13.	1-22, 24-36, 38-46, 48-56, 58-62, 64-67

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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